

West Riding Women's County Cup

Leeds United Ladies v Tingley Athletic Ladies

Sunday 15 January 2012, 1pm

**Throstle Nest, Farsley AFC
Matchday Programme 50p**



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Formed in 1989, Leeds United Ladies has been one of the country's top women's sides for most of the last decade.

After seven years playing in the Yorkshire & Humberside league, the season 1997/98 saw the first team gain promotion to the AXA FA Northern Premier League. After consolidating and adjusting to National league football for a couple of seasons they then achieved promotion as champions of the Northern Premier League, the same season also saw them play in the semi finals of the Women's FA Cup for the first time. They then gained promotion in 2001/02 to the FA National League where they finished a very credible fourth.

2003/04 saw the team once again in fourth place, and the highest placed team outside London. In 2004/05 the team finished fifth, while 2005/06 saw the team achieve its first appearance in the Women's FA Cup final.

2006/07 was an up and down season with Leeds topping the table over the Christmas period and getting through to the Premier League Cup Final, when they narrowly lost 1-0 in the 90th minute against Arsenal and eventually finished fifth in the league.

Over the summer of 2007 the youth teams amalgamated with the Leeds United Girls Centre of Excellence to form one organisation feeding into the open age team.

The club had several members of the first squad who had progressed through from the youth teams, including England regulars Gemma Bonner and Jess Clarke, Sophie Walton, Olivia Thackray and Mel Sutcliffe.

Rick Passmoor was appointed Manager in July 2007, and brought in new signings including Steph Houghton, Carly Telford, Katie Holtham and Jade Moore, while the partnership with Leeds Metropolitan University brought in players such as Emma Higgins from Northern Ireland.

In 2008, Carla Cantrell and Ellen White arrived, while the summer of 2009 saw the arrival of Nat Staneff, Laura Bassett and Remi Allen.

The blend of home-grown talent with regular England internationals saw the club have its most successful period ever. As well as the Premier League Cup win against Everton in 2010, and a second FA Cup Final appearance in 2008, the club was made Club of the Year in the 2010 Leeds Sports Federation Awards and finished fourth, just three points and a few goals away from Europe. Rick Passmoor deservedly collected the Premier League Manager of the Season award from the FA.

But the successes of 2009-10 came against the backdrop of the end of the partnership with Leeds Metropolitan University, the club having its funding and Super League application withdrawn in January 2010, just two weeks before that Premier League Cup Final win.

In July 2010, the club re-adopted the Leeds United Ladies name when it was taken under the wing of the Leeds United Foundation, but is now independently funded by local businesses and people - such as our Chairman, Steve Russell - with a genuine interest in women's football. Reserves manager Gemma Grainger stepped up to run the first team, but with results going against the club Rick Passmoor came back for the second half of a difficult transitional season.

Despite having a young and inexperienced squad, the club eventually finished fourth in the eight-team league and won the County Cup for the sixth time in the past ten years.

One of the people Rick brought to the bench was former coach Chris Welburn, and in the summer of 2011 he was appointed manager. His work in building up the squad and taking it to greater heights has already begun, with key signings in Sarah Danby, Emma Johnson, Billie Murphy, Amy Turner and Vanessa Holmes - and more to follow.

Major Honours

FA Women's Premier League Northern Division

Champions 2000-01

FA Women's Cup

Runners-up 2005-06

Runners-up 2007-08

FA Women's Premier League Cup

Champions 2009-10

Runners-up 2006-07

FA Women's Reserves Premier League Cup

Runners-up 2008-09

West Riding County Cup

Champions 2007-08, 2008-09, 2010-11

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Firstly may I welcome officials, spectators and players from Tingley Athletic Ladies FC and of course welcome those who support Leeds United LFC to Throstle Nest today.

Our Premier League season is coming to a close, but the season is far from over as the three cup competitions come to the fore.

In three week's time we head to Watford in the third round of the FA Women's Cup while our League Cup campaign kicks off with the first group stage tie away to Sheffield FC, whom we met in a pre-season friendly.

But before all that we face Tingley, with the prize of a semi-final place at stake. Tingley sit at the top of the County First Division, have yet to be beaten and have scored 22 goals in their eight games so far.

Rest assured, we will not be treating this game lightly! We are the defending champions of the Women's County Cup and the players selected today will have to be confident, assured and full of energy to ensure we get through as we look to bring our positive league form into the cup setting.

That form has also seen Jess Holbrook invited to attend training with the Under 23s in La Manga, while Leah Galton and Millie Bright will team up with the rest of the Under 19s in sunny Salford next week. My congratulations to all three of them - they deserve it.

I really hope you enjoy the match today and you continue to support Leeds United Ladies through the 'ups and downs' as we go through this campaign.

**Enjoy the game,
Chris**



*Front cover: Millie Bright v Bradford Park Avenue
Photo by Steve Gaunt.*

Player profiles

1. Jules Draycott

Goalkeeper
Born 15 July 1992
Jules stepped into the first team having helped the reserves retain both league and county cup titles in 2008-09. She has represented England at Under-17 level, including at the World Cup in 2008 and is a Centre of Excellence graduate.



2. Emma Coates

Defender
Born 29 April 1991
Emma is another Leeds player who came through from the reserves. Sadly she spent most of the last 12 months recovering from an injury but she's now working her way back into contention.



3. Stacey Emmonds

Defender
Born 28 November 1986
Stacey is one of the many graduates from Leeds United who move away to gain experience elsewhere, and has already made that experience count since rejoining Leeds last summer. Her season was curtailed by injury but she is once again back in contention.



4. Hayley Sharp

Defender
Born: 12 November 1990
Hayley is another 'prodigal daughter', part of the winning reserves side in 2007-08 and who made a big impact last season.



5. Faye Birkby

Defender
Born 30 November 1992
Faye was one of the breakthrough players from the 2009-2010 season's reserves side, when she was voted Reserves Player of the Year.



7. Emma Lipman

Midfielder
Born 23 February 1989
Emma signed towards the end of 2010 from cross-city rivals Vixens. and has quickly settled in to the heart of the Leeds back four or midfield.



8. Clare Sykes - Captain

Midfielder
Born 14 December 1984
Captain Clare also joined Leeds in the summer of 2010, and brings experience to the central midfield and, when needed, into the back four.



9. Carey Huegett

Forward
Born 23 July 1991
'Kez' joined the Centre of Excellence at the age of 8, eventually joining the successful reserves side when only 15 years old. A stylish and skilful player, Kez was a key member of the reserves league and County Cup-winning teams of 2007-08 and 2008-09.



10. Tanya Rich

Forward
Born 5 December 1984
Last season's top scorer, Tanya came through the ranks at Leeds and was a member of the all-conquering reserves team in 2007-08 before leaving to gain experience elsewhere. She has now revived her partnership with Huegett at the front of the Leeds formation.



11. Leah Galton

Midfielder
Born 24 May 1994
Leah is the youngest member of the squad, but still has a wealth of footballing experience under her belt, having become an England regular while still at Leeds Girl's Centre of Excellence.



12. Bekki Bass

Midfielder
Born 16 May 1994
Bekki was one of three 16 year olds who joined the squad last year, having graduated from North Yorkshire's Centre of Excellence.



14. Sarah Danby

Midfielder
Born 7 April 1991
A tricky left winger who joined Leeds from Manchester City in the summer of 2011. A former Sunderland WFC Player, Sarah will be another good addition to the squad. Sarah studies at Leeds Metropolitan University and has represented England Universities in 2010 and also Great Britain at the World University Games in China in 2011.



15. Vanessa Holmes

Defender
Born 29 September 1984
Vanessa was another of Chris Welburn's first signings in July 2011. She brings with her a wealth of Premier League experience, having played top-flight football for most of her career.



16. Emma Johnson

Midfielder
Born 12 October 1991
Emma was one of Chris Welburn's first signings in July 2011. A fast, versatile and pacy player.



17. Amy Turner

Defender
Born 4 July 1991
Amy joined Leeds in August 2011 from Super League side Doncaster Rovers Belles, before which she had played in the US while a student at Hofstra University. She has been involved with the England U15 and U17 squads and will now be looking to continue her development while now playing at a higher level.



18. Billie Murphy

Defender
Born 27 January 1993
Billie is a summer signing for Leeds, having previously played for and captained Arsenal Ladies Reserves.



19. Millie Bright

Forward
Born 21 August 1993
Millie joins Leeds from Doncaster Rovers Belles as one of two dual signings. a strong, athletic forward who is dual signed with ourselves and FAWSL side Doncaster Belles. A product of the Sheffield United Centre of Excellence, Millie will be looking to make an impact with us over the next couple of months.



20 Jess Holbrook

Midfielder
Born 1 August 1992
Jess started her career at Everton Centre of Excellence where she competed in both the Under-14s and Under-16s age groups. She then went on to make her full debut in the 2008/2009 season against Millwall. She ruptured her ACL while playing for England Under-20s in 2010, and is making a return to fitness after 8 months out.



Today's opponents

Since their formation in 1976, Tingley Athletic have looked to offer the very best to the local boys and girls so far as the provision of a safe and fun environment to play football is concerned.

Tingley is one of the largest clubs in the area with an average of over 275+ players registering each season, so ensuring that everything runs smoothly is no easy task, people work hard every season to ensure that Tingley Athletic continues moving forward, the way it has done for the past 35 years!

We pride ourselves on the level of commitment from our coaches, officials and volunteers, and of course the players who complete our ever-growing family. With more

and more clubs appearing (and disappearing) overnight, it's important that players can be part of an on-going organisation.

Our club is one of only a few to have gained the FA Community Charter Award. Proof that we are looking to the future with a defined plan of action to continue developing standards, processes and facilities.

Season 2006 – 2007 saw the grand opening of our first permanent home – The Crescent, created from the hard work of club officials and

a mammoth £594,000 grant c/o the Football Foundation! Tingley Ladies continually lead the way forward for female football within the club, been the first team to compete in 11-a-side competitions and gradually work their way from the WRCWFL division 3 to division 1.

Tingley now has two ladies teams and looks to build on that. Tingley Athletic is here for boys, girls and open-age...we're here for everyone interested in football.



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In Round Two...

Leeds 5-0 Huddersfield Sunday 20 November

Three first half goals helped Leeds United Ladies progress to the quarter final stage of the West Riding County Cup.

Although Leeds had much the better of play throughout the game, Huddersfield held them off until the 23rd minute, when Jess Holbrook fashioned a 40-yard left-to-right pass to Sarah Danby, who played the ball through for Carey Huegett to drive into the box and fire home.

Leeds continued to put Town keeper Laura Carter under pressure, eventually doubling

the lead when Emma Johnson spectacularly lobbed Carter from 18 yards out, wide on the left.

While Carter could have prevented the second goal she was at fault for the third, three minutes later, when she failed to hold on to a fierce shot from Emma Lipman and allowed the ball to spill from her hands and bounce over the goal-line.

Yet Carter was also the key to stopping Leeds turning the game into a rout, as she pulled off a string of saves midway through the second half; and although Lipman got her second with another thumping strike in the

83rd that Danby completed the scoring when a wildly spinning ball evaded everyone, running through to the far post for her to prod home from a few yards out.

"I'm pleased that, as defending champions, we're through to the last eight," said Leeds manager Chris Welburn. "Huddersfield Town acquitted themselves well, and provided us with a stern test for the full 90 minutes, as you'd expect from a side doing as well as they are this season. I only wish them the best for the rest of the season."

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Save the date!

On **Friday 23 March 2012**, Leeds United Ladies will be holding a very special fundraising dinner at Elland Road.

And you're all invited!

Look out for further details of the dinner, special guests and the theme for the evening later this month on the club's web

site at www.leedsunitedladies.com, on Twitter @LeedsUnitedLFC and through our Facebook Page.

Tickets for the dinner will go on sale in February, through the web site and at our home games on Sundays 12 February and 11 March.



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Contact Gill Handley, Secretary, if you would like to sponsor one of our players.

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Carey Huegett	Team TN	
Tanya Rich	Tor Erik Gudevold	
Leah Galton	Rilwood Associates	
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Sarah Danby	Tor Erik Gudevold	
Billie Murphy	On behalf of St Gemma's Hospice	

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Premier League table



FA Women's Premier League National Division 2011-2012							
POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sunderland Women	13	9	2	2	21	29
2	Leeds United Ladies	14	9	2	3	18	29
3	Charlton Athletic Women	15	6	4	5	2	22
4	Coventry City Ladies	14	6	3	5	0	21
5	Barnet FC Ladies	14	6	2	6	8	20
6	Aston Villa Ladies	12	5	2	5	0	17
7	Reading FC Women	15	5	1	9	-12	16
8	Cardiff City Ladies	9	4	3	2	4	15
9	Nottingham Forest Ladies	12	3	2	7	-13	11
10	Watford Ladies	14	2	1	11	-28	7

Today's other West Riding Women's Cup Quarter Final fixtures

Amaranth v Farsley	Guiseley v Leeds City Vixens
Bradford City v Harrogate Railway	

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Our fixtures & results

All fixtures are subject to change owing to international competitions, cup ties and the weather!
Check www.leedsunitedladies.com or twitter.com/LeedsUnitedLFC for the latest fixture news.

Sunday 21 August 2011	Watford Ladies (home)	FA WPL	W 2-0
Sunday 28 August 2011	Barnet FC Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 1-0
Sunday 4 September 2011	Coventry City Ladies (home)	FA WPL	L 1-0
Sunday 11 September 2011	Nottingham Forest Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 2-0
Sunday 25 September 2011	Charlton Athletic Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 2-0
Sunday 2 October	Aston Villa Ladies (home)	FA WPL	W 5-0
Sunday 9 October 2011	Sunderland Women (home)	FA WPL	L 1-0
Sunday 16 October 2011	Bradford Park Avenue (away)	County Cup 1	W 13-0
Sunday 23 October 2011	Watford Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 3-0
Sunday 30 October 2011	Barnet FC Ladies (home)	FA WPL	D 2-2
Sunday 6 November 2011	Coventry City Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 1-0
Sunday 13 November 2011	Nottingham Forest Ladies (home)	FA WPL	D 1-1
Sunday 20 November 2011	Huddersfield Town Ladies	County Cup 2	W 5-0
Sunday 27 November 2011	Charlton Athletic Ladies (home)	FA WPL	W 3-0
Sunday 4 December 2011	Aston Villa Ladies (away)	FA WPL	W 4-1
Sunday 11 December 2011	Sunderland Women (away)	FA WPL	L 2-0
Sunday 8 January 2012	Reading FC Women (home)	FA WPL	W 3-2
Sunday 15 January 2012	Tingley Athletic (home)	County Cup QF	
Sunday 22 January 2012	No game		
Sunday 29 January 2012	Sheffield FC Ladies (away)	PL Cup group match 1	
Sunday 5 February 2012	Watford Ladies (away)	FA Women's Cup	
Sunday 12 February 2012	Sunderland Women (home)	PL Cup group match 2	
Sunday 4 March 2012	Reading FC Women (away)	FA WPL	
Sunday 11 March 2012	Leeds City Vixens (home)	PL Cup group match 3	
To be arranged	Cardiff City Ladies (home)	FA WPL	
	Cardiff City Ladies (away)	FA WPL	

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Leeds United Ladies

- 1 Jules DRAYCOTT
- 2 Emma COATES
- 3 Stacey EMMONDS
- 4 Hayley SHARP
- 5 Faye BIRKBY
- 6
- 7 Emma LIPMAN
- 8 Clare SYKES (Captain)
- 9 Carey HUEGETT
- 10 Tanya RICH
- 11 Leah GALTON
- 12 Bekki BASS
- 13
- 14 Sarah DANBY
- 15 Vanessa HOLMES
- 16 Emma JOHNSON
- 17 Amy TURNER
- 18 Billie MURPHY
- 19 Millie BRIGHT
- 20 Jess HOLBROOK
- 21 Nat STANOFF

Manager: Chris Welburn

**Coaches: Claire Robinson,
Nick Dingwall**

Physio: Alan Scorfield



Tingley Athletic Ladies

- Vicky BARDELL
- Abi HOUSECROFT
- Amy GREENWOOD
- Anna TARMANOWSKA
- Cara MAHONEY
- Emily HOLROYD
- Iwona ROSA
- Joanne CHURCH
- Jodie BRINKWORTH
- Kim SCHOFIELD
- Kim WILLIAMS
- Liuli DYSON
- Mel MAGHEE
- Olivia HEPWORTH
- Rachel SIDEBOTTOM
- Sophie THOMPSON (Captain)
- Toni MALLIN

Manager: Anne Housecroft

Coaches: Lee Priestley, Vince Chapman



Today's Referee: Jamie Rhodes
Assistants: Lauren Browne, Christopher Nelmes